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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 432 FORTNIGHTLY Club – Bowling Green, Kentucky**

5 boxes. 47 folders. 473 items. 1917-2019. Originals, photocopies, photographs.

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**ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY**

The Fortnightly Club was organized in Bowling Green, Kentucky at a meeting of a small group of local teachers, businessmen and professionals held on 1 March 1917. The purpose of the club was “the investigation and discussion of any subject” at meetings to be held twice a month. Although the original constitution permitted only “light refreshments and smoking” at meetings, in 1919 the club inaugurated a tradition of large dinners, often prepared by members’ wives. The club remains in existence to the present day (2018) and its discussions over the years have covered a wide range of political, philosophical, cultural and humorous topics.

**COLLECTION NOTE**

This collection consists of the records of the Fortnightly Club of Bowling Green, Kentucky from 1917 to 2019, with future additions anticipated. The collection consists of five series: Minutes, Yearbooks, Administrative Papers, Financial Records and Miscellaneous. Included in the Minutes series (Series I) is a collection of excerpts demonstrating the humorous exchanges that characterize some of the club discussions (Box 1, Folder 10). There is a ten-year gap in the minutes from 1950 to 1959. Included in the Miscellaneous series (Series V) is a history of the club prepared in 1978 (Box 1, Folder 1); a list of topics discussed at club meetings from 1917-1999 (Box 1, Folder 4); programs commemorating various anniversaries of the club (Box 1, Folder 5); and photographs of club members (Box 1, Folder 6).

**SHELF LIST**

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>4 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory	4 items

**SERIES I    MINUTES**

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>1917-1971</b>	<b>35 items</b>
Folder 2	Minutes	1917-1921	1 item
Folder 3	Minutes	1921-1928	1 item
Folder 4	Minutes	1928-1933	1 item
Folder 5	Minutes	1934-1941	1 item
Folder 6	Minutes	1942-1947	1 item
Folder 7	Minutes	1948-1950	1 item
Folder 8	Minutes	1959-1965	1 item
Folder 9	Minutes	1966-1971	1 item
Folder 10	Minutes – excerpts demonstrating programs, humor and camaraderie	1917-1970	27 items
<b>BOX 2</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>1971-1995</b>	<b>11 items</b>
Folder 1	Minutes	1971-1981	7 items
Folder 2	Minutes	1982-1985	1 item
Folder 3	Minutes	1986-1992	1 item
Folder 4	Minutes	1992-1993	1 item
Folder 5	Minutes	1994-1995	1 item
<b>BOX 3</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>1995-2015</b>	<b>105 items</b>
Folder 1	Minutes	May 11, 1995 – Nov. 6, 1997	1 item
Folder 2	Minutes	Nov. 20, 1997 – April 8, 1999	1 item

Folder 3	Minutes	April 25, 1999 – Dec. 9, 1999	1 item
Folder 4	Minutes	2000	1 item
Folder 5	Minutes	2001	1 item
Folder 6	Minutes	2002-2004	1 item
Folder 7	Minutes	2005-2006	1 item
Folder 8	Minutes	2007-2008	1 item
Folder 9	Minutes	2009	1 item
Folder 10	Minutes	May 11, 2010- Aug. 9, 2012	33 items
Folder 11	Minutes	Sept. 13, 2012- November 12, 2015	37 items
Folder 12	Minutes – Photographs	2016-May 2018	26 items
<b>BOX 4</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>22 items</b>
Folder 1	Minutes	June-Dec. 2018	7 items
Folder 2	Minutes	2019	15 items
<b>SERIES II</b>	<b>YEARBOOKS</b>		
<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Yearbooks</b>	<b>1928-2007</b>	<b>77 items</b>
Folder 1	Yearbooks	1928-1929- 1942-1943	12 items
Folder 2	Yearbooks	1943-1944- 1952-1953	10 items
Folder 3	Yearbooks	1953-1954- 1964-1965	12 items

Folder 4	Yearbooks	1965-1966- 1978-1979	14 items
Folder 5	Yearbooks	1979-1980- 2006-2007	28 items
Folder 6	Yearbooks	2013-2018	6 items

### **SERIES III ADMINISTRATIVE PAPERS**

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Administrative Papers</b>	<b>1917-2017</b>	<b>82 items</b>
Folder 1	Constitution and bylaws	1917-2011	8 items
Folder 2	Membership lists	1917-2014	8 items
Folder 3	Correspondence	1942-1985	22 items
Folder 4	Correspondence	1992- 2017	46 items

### **SERIES IV FINANCIAL RECORDS**

<b>Box 1</b>	<b>Financial Records</b>	<b>1938-2013</b>	<b>17 items</b>
Folder 1	Miscellaneous receipts	1938-2013	16 items
Folder 2	Check register	1956-1957	1 item

### **SERIES V MISCELLANEOUS**

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>1917-2017</b>	<b>129 items</b>
Folder 1	“History of the Fortnightly Club” by Dero Downing	1978	2 items
Folder 2	Miscellaneous history	1992-2017	11 items
Folder 3	“Wives of the Fortnightly Club”	1979	1 item
Folder 4	List of programs	1917-1999	1 item
Folder 5	Anniversary programs	1942-2017	9 items

Folder 6	Photos	1942-2017, n.d.	100 items
Folder 7	Miscellaneous	1948-1955, n.d.	6 items

### ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

MSS FORTNIGHTLY Club – 1917-2019  
432 Bowling Green, Kentucky

Minutes, membership lists, yearbooks, correspondence, photographs, and miscellaneous records of the Fortnightly Club, a men's literary club in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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### ***SUBJECT ANALYTICS***

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